

GROUP GUIDE

Find a Group for
Your Journey



**We exist to
GATHER people into authentic worship,
GROW together in Christ, and
GO into our neighborhoods as
everyday missionaries to share Jesus
and make disciples.**



**Get more info and
request to join online!**

academychristian.org/connect-groups

WELCOME!

Dear Friends,

Our sincere desire is to help you grow in your relationship with God. One of the most important steps in that journey is connecting regularly with other believers. This booklet was created to help you find those opportunities for connection.

Life can be challenging, and we were never meant to walk through it alone. Being part of a Bible study group provides encouragement during struggles, deepens our understanding of God's Word, and offers loving accountability as we seek to follow Christ. We hope you'll discover a group here that inspires and strengthens your spiritual walk.

Each group is committed to studying God's Word—not simply to gain knowledge, but to experience transformation. As Howard Hendricks said, *"We do not study the Scripture to become a smarter sinner, but so that it will transform us to be more like the Savior."* When our hearts are shaped to reflect Christ, we grow in love for those who do not yet know Him. Spiritual growth naturally leads us to share the gospel, and we want to help equip you for that mission.

There are many steps in the journey of faith, and joining a Bible study group is one of the most impactful. If you need help finding the right group, please reach out—we would love to walk alongside you as you take this step toward deeper connection and transformation.

Your Fellow Servant in Christ,

Kirk Gambrell

Next Steps

If you are new to Christ, or new to
Academy Christian Church
We want to help you **Grow**
as a follower of Christ

At ACC we believe that all followers of Christ should be growing in Him. These are three **growth agents** that will help the Christ follower grow.

- **Daily Time with God:** If we want to be a follower of Christ then we need to spend time with Him. We encourage all believers to have a daily time in the Word and in prayer. There are Scripture reading plans available if you are looking for what to read next.
 - **Find your GROUP:** No one is meant to walk this life alone. This booklet is meant to help you find your group. We would love to assist any way we can.
 - **Seek transformation:** In your study of the word seek transformation. A follower of Christ wants to be more like Jesus. None of us are there yet but we are all on our journey to be more like Him. Have the mindset that we learn the Word so that it transforms us to be more like Jesus.
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BAPTISM

If you would like to follow Christ in baptism, please contact the pastor of your choice for one-on-one instruction on baptism.

GETTING TO KNOW ACC

Take one hour to get introduced to ACC, and ask some questions of your own. Offered five times a year from 4-5 PM on Sundays, and held next on September 20 and November 1.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Meet the pastors, learn the vision and mission of ACC, and what it means to be a member. It's the next step for greater involvement and is offered five times a year from 3-5 PM on Sundays. The next classes will be on October 4 and December 6.

Adult Bible Fellowships

SUNDAY MORNINGS



VOYAGERS

9:30a

Room L4

Led by Bob Eaton, Mike Addy,
Rob Wilson, Steve Thiessen
Romans

#4FAMILY

9:30a

Room L5

Led by Dave and Julie Mintz, Michael and Karen Flaherty
A class for adults who have kids living at home
The Pursuit of Holiness

DIGGING DEEPER

9:30a

Room A6

Led by John Boska, Larry Lawrence
Proverbs

DISCOVERY

9:30a

Room L1

Led by John Hickman, Gerald "Chief" Rendel
The 10 Commandments

EXPLORERS	9:30a	Room L6
Led by Bill Walter, Bruce Wadman, VJ James		
<i>Hebrews</i>		

GOLDEN EAGLES	9:15a	Room A2
Led by Craig Campbell, Larry Izenbart		
A class composed mostly of adults in their 60-90s		
Contemporary Christian Topics		

OPEN ARMS	9:30a	Room A7
Led by Dawn McClung		
<i>TBD</i>		

ROAD TO EMMAUS	9:30a	Room A4
Led by Carol Norris		
A class composed of mostly adults 40s—80s		
Genealogy of Jesus		



EXPERIENCING GOD	11:00a	Room A6
Led by Jessy Reisiger, Molly Nazaruk		
September 13-December 13		

FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH	11:00a	Room L5
Led by Kirk Gambrell		
August 23-September 27		

FAMILY FOUNDATIONS	11:00a	Room L6
Led by the McKees, Savages, and Harpers		
A class composed of young families		
Biblical Principles to Grow Your Family		

THE MASTER'S CLASS	11:00a	Room L2
Led by Kathleen Fast		
A class composed of post-high school/post college young adults		
"The Secret Battle of Ideas about God:"		

Life Groups

Life Groups are all about relationships and truly “doing life together”. This is where we form genuine community through sharing meals, having fun, and bearing each other's burdens in the real moments of life. By spending intentional time together in God's Word and in prayer, these groups become the place where authentic spiritual growth and missional living take root.

New groups forming regularly — check with Kirk

All listed groups are available for you to join...

WORSHIP & THE WORD

Mondays 7-9p, 80920

Led by Jadon and Shawna Pratt
Mostly made up of young adults
and young marrieds

*“Learn the Bible in 24 Hours” by
Chuck Missler*

BYARS CONNECT GROUP

Mondays, 6-8p, 80132

Led by Bill and Suzanne Byars
This group is made up of Empty
Nesters

“The Chosen—Season 2”

DOWNES/STOEL LIFE GROUP

Tuesdays 6p, 80920

Led by Stan Downes, Kelvin and
Lilah Stoel





FLYING HORSE LIFE GROUP

Tuesdays 6:30p, 80921

Led by Bob and Lisa Gaby

Romans

ACTIVE SINGLE WOMEN

2nd & 4th Wednesdays 6:15p, 80917

Led by Barb Collins & Debbie Rohan

Active single women of any age

"All Things New" 1 Corinthians

GAMBRELL LIFE GROUP

Wednesdays, 6:15p, 80921

Led by Kirk and Laura Gambrell

Galatians

BOOMERS

Wednesdays 6:30p, NSC L1

Led by David and Karin Sleeper

A group of Boomers, single or married—they meet the 2nd and 4th Weds of the month.

"The Chosen", Season 5, then Season 6

EATON LIFE GROUP

Wednesdays 6p, 80920

Led by Bob and Cathie Eaton

Acts

FRIDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Fridays 7p, NSC Office

Led by Brad Harper

Couples 50+, kids out of high school at least

Judges

Specialty Groups

GRIEFSHARE

6:30p Mondays, Room A2

Led by Bill & Cindy Walter, Marcy Tourville, Allison Harmon
September 14 to December 7

Have you lost someone precious to you? This much recommended small group encounter will help lead you through the important and challenging experience of grief.

re|engage—Marriage enrichment

10:40a Sundays, NSC

Led by Joe and Connie Brossard
September 13—Dec 13, 2026

re|engage examines God's design for marriage and applies principles from the Bible to guide couples towards growth in their relationship with each other. You will learn practical ways to grow in oneness with your spouse and gain insights from others in your small group. This program is being offered for the first time on Sunday mornings.. Cost is \$50/couple. Academy Kids is included for birth—5th grade.



Young Adults



MAROON BELLS
CAMPING TRIP
OCT 2-4



THE MASTER'S CLASS

11:00a Sundays, Room L2

Led by Kathleen Fast and Jeremy Jordan

"The Secret Battle of Ideas about God" - Dr. Jeff Myers

THE ARMORY

6:30p Mondays, Off-Site

Led by Kathleen Fast

My Ninevah—Lessons from Jonah

YOUNG & HUNGRY LUNCH

Connect over lunch at noon with peers at ACC.

Watch bulletin, typically the last Sunday of each month;

Men

TUESDAY MORNING MEN **Tuesdays, 8a**

Led by Steve Thiessen
Northside Campus, A3
How Christianity has Spread...

DADS TO DADS **Wednesdays, 6:30a**

Led by Taylor Downs
Northside Campus, A3 (Café)

ANCHOR POINT MEN **Wednesdays, 6:30p**

Led by Russell Chun
Northside Campus, A4
Romans

PSA LIFE GROUP **Odd Wednesdays, 6:30p**

Led by John Green
80922
Prayer, Support and Accountability

ANCHOR POINT MEN—2 **Thursdays, 6a**

Led by Russ Chun
Northside Campus, A4
Revelation

TRANSFORMING MEN'S STUDY **Saturdays, 6:30a**

Led by Marc Hoffmann
Panera Bread @ 1845 Briargate Pkwy
TBD



MEN'S MINISTRY OF ACC

The Academy Men's Ministry is all about helping men become who God intends us to be, focusing on discipleship, relationship building and service. We accomplish our goal through multiple Bible studies and discipleship opportunities and a monthly Men's Breakfast.

At our Men's Breakfast, you'll find more than a great meal—you'll find a place to connect with other guys, build community, and grow in authentic brotherhood. Whether you're new to the church or have been attending for years, the Men's Breakfast is a great place to belong, build community, and sharpen one another's spiritual journey. Join us at 8am on the first Saturday of the month.

NEW MEN'S GROUP FORMING

Begins September 29

For dads with kids 5-25

Tuesday mornings, 6-7am

Led by Kevin Seay and Kirk Gambrell

Northside Campus, A3 (Café)

Women

MONDAY NIGHT STUDY

1 and 2 CORINTHIANS

6:15p Mondays

Led by Lorraine Wadman

In the home of Lorraine Wadman

TUESDAY STUDIES

FINISHING WELL: BIBLICAL LESSONS TO MAXIMIZE YOUR LATER YEARS by John Goodale

Led by Joan Wilson

Meeting Tuesdays 9:30-11a, Sept 15 - Nov 10

ACC Room A2.

THE ART OF CONVERSATION

6:15p Tuesdays

Led by Barb Collins

ACC Room L2

WEDNESDAY STUDIES

"BIBLE RECAP: NEW TESTAMENT" by Tara-Leigh Cobble

Wednesdays 9:30-11 am, Sept 2nd - Dec 2nd

Led by Nancy Collier and Vicki Keller

ACC Room A7.

MOM TO MOMS

"RAISING KIDS WHO FOLLOW CHRIST" by Lee Ann Mancini

Meeting every other Wednesday 9:30a starting Sept 9

6 week to —preschool childcare with registration

Led by Vicki Wise

ACC Room L6

"GENTLE AND LOWLY" by Dane Ortlund

9:30a in ACC Room L2

Led by Kathleen Fast

"GOSPEL COMES W/A HOUSEKEY" by Rosaria Butterfield

6:00p in ACC Room L2

Led by Kathleen Fast

THURSDAY NIGHT STUDY

S.O.A.P. Study—Luke

6:30p Thursdays

Led by Sarah Hamel

In the home of Sarah Hamel



FALL BRUNCH—Saturday, Sept 12 9-11:30a

Let's lean into the way God designed us—two ears, one mouth—and practice it in everyday-missionary moments by gently saying to others, **"Tell me more."**



NEED HELP FINDING A GROUP?

For personal assistance in connecting, contact:

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